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MEMORANDUM FOR : DDP/TRO

SUBJECT : Comments on Orientation Trip  
[REDACTED] 25X1A

1. Per your request, I am forwarding the following comments on my 14 January 1970 visit [REDACTED]

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2. In general, I found the experience interesting and rewarding. I had not been at [REDACTED] since 1954, and was very impressed with the changes that had taken place in the intervening years. I was particularly pleased that a full schedule of orientation and briefings had been drawn up for us, because I have interested myself in the subject of CT training in terms of the requirements for the Soviet Bloc Division. I particularly enjoyed the lectures on the Operations Course, and was impressed with the seriousness of the staff in trying to inject more direct interest on the part of the Clandestine Service into [REDACTED] and its courses. My interest and enthusiasm continued right up to 1630 hours, but must admit that, from that point on, I was disappointed with the rest of the day's activity. Like others who were fortunate enough to attend the briefing, I had saved comments and questions, expecting that I would get a chance to voice them in the evening sessions. I had expected that cocktails and the after-dinner session would follow the course of the morning and afternoon briefings, albeit in a more relaxed atmosphere. It was disappointing to find that at the cocktail hour and at the evening session there was no forum present at which I could raise the questions and comments which I had saved for the occasion. The informality that prevailed made any serious discussion almost impossible.

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3. I would suggest that in future runnings of the orientation, the early and late evening sessions be devoted to formal discussions at which the [REDACTED] instructor staff be fully represented. This will provide the visitors

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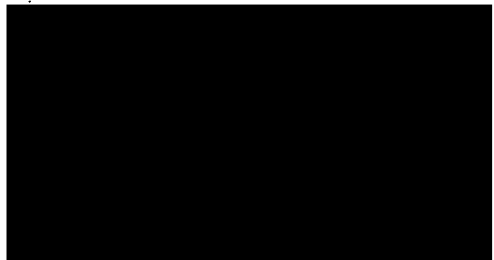
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with the necessary forum, to ask questions and comment on what they learned during the day. I think that you will find that most Headquarters visitors would be willing to forego the cocktails and small talk in favor of the opportunity to take full advantage of the limited time provided



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